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### ***Kernan Announces Energy Efficiency Loan for School City of Whiting***

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Governor Joe Kernan announced today that School City of Whiting has received a \$100,000 zero-interest loan from the Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program.

Located in Lake County, the School City of Whiting plans to carry out a digital control replacement at their schools in order to more efficiently manage heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The proposed energy management system upgrade will improve the schools' overall energy consumption by 8 percent.

"We are happy to assist School City of Whiting as they convert to more energy-efficient systems," said Kernan, who serves as director of the Department of Commerce. "This project will not only serve as a good example for other facilities considering similar energy-saving options, but it will also reduce operating costs."

The Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program provides zero-interest loans to Indiana schools, libraries and political subdivisions proposing to purchase new, more efficient equipment. Up to \$100,000 is available per applicant for implementing energy-efficient improvements in existing facilities and designing energy-efficiency measures into new facilities. Loans are awarded on a quarterly basis.

The loan, approved by the Indiana Recycling and Energy Development Board, will be administered by the Indiana Department of Commerce's office of Energy and Recycling. For more information on the Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program, please contact Gavin Williams at 317.232.8979 or your local Commerce regional office.

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